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Editorial

TUESDAY'S VOTING

America went to the polls Tuesday. Voters put the finishing touches to the eighteenth amendment as the last of the required thirty-six states voted for the 21st, or repeal amendment. New York Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, a union Republican as mayor, Philadelphia elected the first municipal Democratic ticket in fifty years. Virginia returned a handsome majority to the Democratic administration.

In Virginia the impressive majority of Percy Byrd, Price and Saunders, the Democratic ticket, to the Democratic handling of state affairs. After the joy of victory has subsided, the duties of that trust and confidence carry with them the weight of public faith. Virginia has found the Democratic administration able and sound. Virginia is faithful to past service rendered and expects the high tone of government to be continued. The candidates elected is the administration's answer to the people's demand for a government that will preserve the progress of the Old Dominion.

ARMISTICE DAY

No Armistice Day should pass without fitting tribute to the native sons who some sixteen years ago marched forth to war. They were the sons of America, the sons of the Republic. They were the sons of the American people, the sons of the American spirit. They were the sons of the American flag, the sons of the American cause. They were the sons of the American people, the sons of the American spirit. They were the sons of the American flag, the sons of the American cause.

That is ours. That responsibility is that WE CARRY ON. A few scattered doughboys determined to win sixteen years ago would have accomplished little. But hundreds of thousands of doughboys, all of one mind and that to win, brought quick and positive victory. So it is today in our national war upon poverty, want and depression.

With forces divided we can accomplish little. . . but united in purpose and with the same courage as American soldiers have always manifested, we will have found the one road to victory. . . We carry on. . . The spirit of America still lives.

--from The Detroit Times, Sept. 11, 1913

A major disaster, on the Erie Railroad, Tuesday night, 11 men were killed, 25 seriously injured.

All of those killed were traveling, with no choice on their part, in a day coach MADE OF WOOD.

That coach, making direct and inevitable, was sandwiched in between two heavy cars of steel.

When a heavy mill train rammed the fast express in a rear-end collision, one steel car acted as a battering ram, crushing the wooden car, another steel car ahead, unyielding, acted as an anvil upon which the wooden day coach and its load of passengers were mercilessly crushed.

Had the train been composed entirely of wooden coaches there might have been some slight chance for those in that peculiar wooden car.

Had the train been composed of steel cars only, as it should have been, there would probably have been NO deaths.

Well-built steel cars may be derailed. They do not crumple up, crushing their passengers. The Pullman company, carrying the crushing car public billions of miles in all steel cars, is able to boast that not one Pullman passenger has been killed in more than a year.

WHAT has happened in this wooden car accident has happened innumerable times before, and protest has done no good.

It should have some effect this time.

Wooden passenger cars should not be permitted on the American railroad for any longer time than it would take to replace them with steel cars.

And while wooden cars are in use they should be marked in white letters at least one foot high, running lengthwise along the outside of the cars, "WOODEN CAR, USE AT YOUR OWN RISK."

This is good advice for stockholders as well as for the traveling public, if financial interest must be considered.

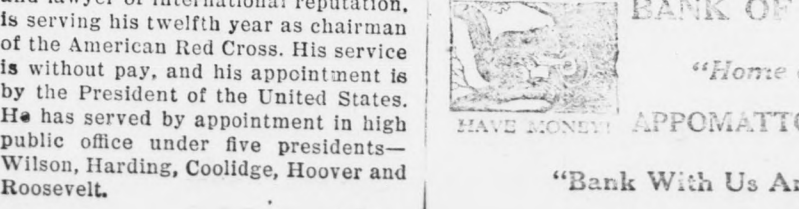
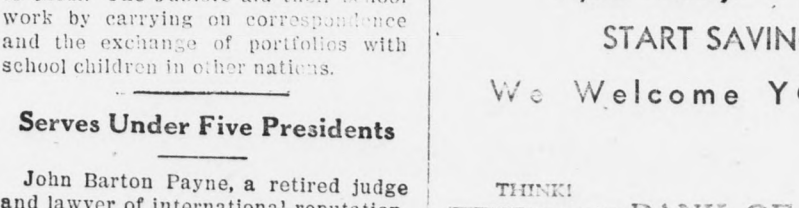
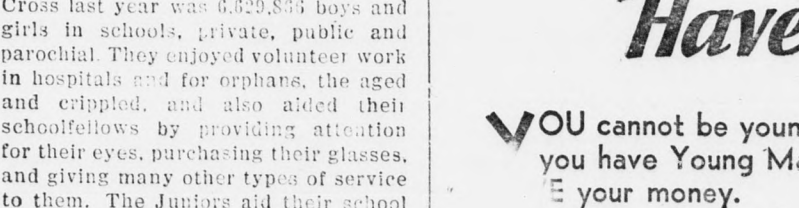
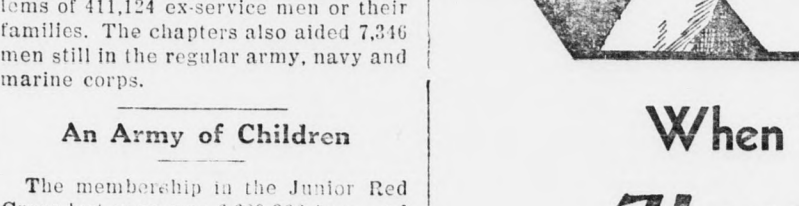
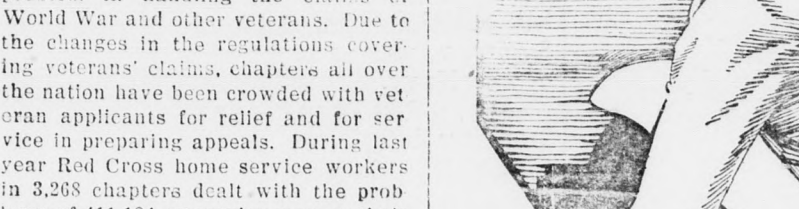
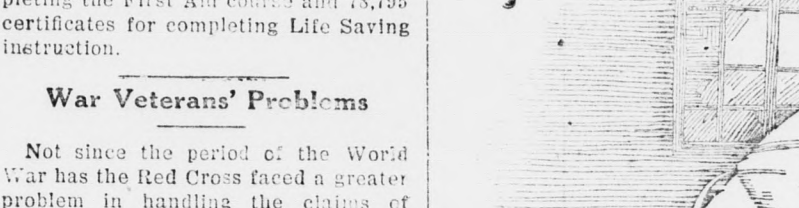
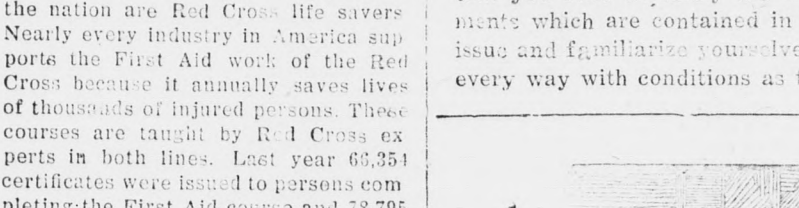
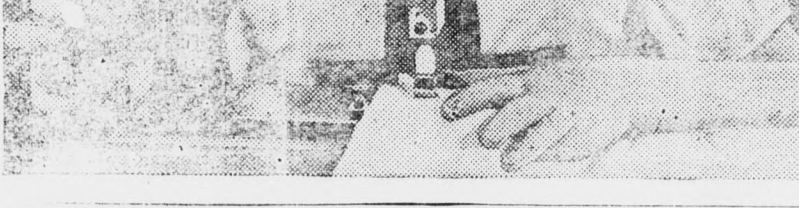
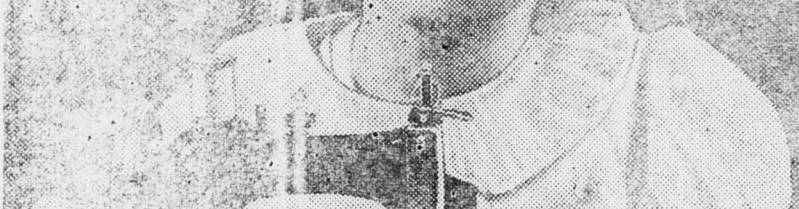
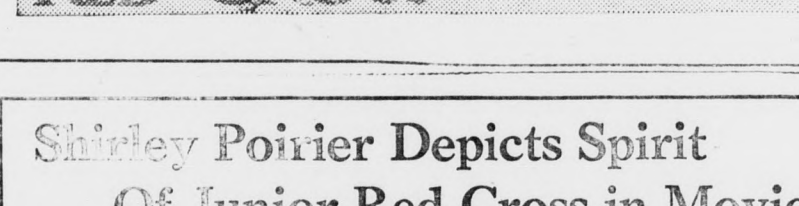
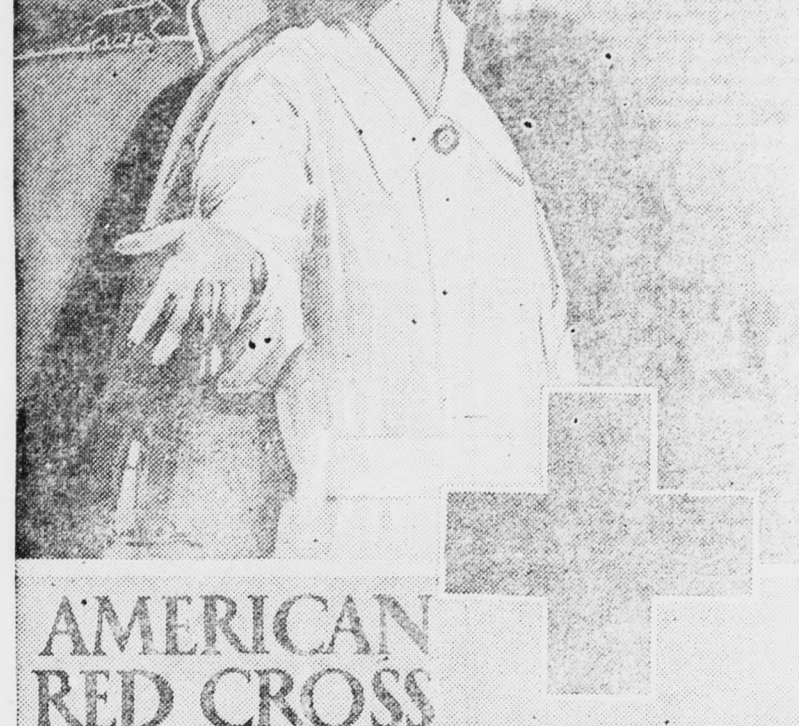
When lawyers demanding damages for the dead and wounded show to the jury photographs of that splintered "WOODEN CAR," and contrast it with photographs of the uninjured steel cars on the same train, all taken after the accident, it will not be a pleasant moment for stockholders.

These are hard days for the railroads, and management hard pressed, has sought to use the wooden cars, replacing them gradually with steel cars. But the process has been slow as is proved by the row of dead bodies in this latest disaster.

THE Government Reconstruction Finance Corporation, lending liberally in all directions, would doubtless provide funds that could not be obtained elsewhere for replacing wooden cars with steel cars.

The replacement would mean work for many men and create a demand for steel. Meanwhile, running mixed trains of steel and wooden cars should be forbidden, and all wooden cars in use plainly marked for the public protection.

Red Cross Poster of 1933 Appeals for Help for Needy



What School Means to a Child

Did you ever stop to think what the life of your child would be like without the common school? How would he spend the long days, where he would play, what friendships he would make, what his personality, how his faith in himself and man nature would be affected by a thoughtless word, how his mind would be trained, how his body would be developed, how his character would be formed, how his future would be shaped?

Virginia, on account of her low bonded indebtedness, has been able to maintain almost any state in the U. S. for the intolerable condition which exists today in school finances and pensions for teachers. In spite of this the schools have been cut 20% during some other branches of the state government. No more can be cut. The figures given out by the Comptroller's Office on September 20th show that for the fiscal year of 1932-33 Virginia spent \$12,131,645.00. Of this amount \$19,340,043.30 or 11.76% went for roads and \$12,338,588.18 or 30.71% went for schools, including colleges and higher institutions of learning. Note carefully, however, that \$1,062,025.35 of this amount was returned to the state by the higher institutions of learning. This money was obtained from tuition fees, board fees, etc., of the students at the state universities. By deducting this amount from \$12,338,588.18, we find that Virginia's net expenditure for schools was \$11,276,562.83 or 21% of the total state revenue. Of this amount \$2,750,882.83 or 24% went for the schools and \$8,525,680.00 or 76% for the roads. This means that of every dollar collected by the state of Virginia from automobile license, public service, corporate taxes, gasoline taxes, and federal government grants almost one-half of it is for highways.

In the meantime teachers who have served faithfully for thirty-five years and more have had their pitifully small pensions cut to such an extent that many retired teachers are in actual want. Teachers who have contributed years of their small salary each year to the state have nothing to look forward to when they retire unless the new legislature will do something to relieve this pitiful state of affairs.

Now, what will be the situation if the new legislature will divert \$3,000,000.00 of Virginia's income to schools, or even legislate to raise an additional sum of \$5,000,000.00 for schools. It would mean a million more for the schools in Virginia with a capable teacher for every group of 25 to 30 pupils. It would mean that the state could pay \$500.00 on each teachers salary and \$100.00 toward paying for the supervision of each group.

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GOOD SCHOOLS IN BAD TIMES

Commonsense suggests that in bad times we preserve first the things which are most important.

When trouble comes we turn to fundamentals. Home becomes dearer. Neighbors and friends mean more. We understand better the mission of the church. We appreciate the services of the school. If schools are a blessing in good times, they are an imperative necessity in bad times. They fortify the health of the child; they hope and encouragement to citizens who are the victims of misfortune but who can take satisfaction that their children are cared for. The schools are ourselves working together in the education of our children. When times are hard we need to make that education better—to take more seriously our common task of preparing the young for life.

Times which suggest retrenchment call for increased safeguards for schools. Next to food, clothing and shelter, the child needs us and chaos. Let us preserve and improve our schools. Let us keep the children fed, clothed and sheltered.

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Country Correspondence

EVERGREEN, Nov. 9.—Mrs. John Dinkins is in Lynchburg visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Davis.

Miss Rachel Paulette was the Sunday guest of Mrs. H. D. Baker.

Miss Myrtle and Helen Evans and Edward Duffner, of Lynchburg, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. Evans.

Billy Smith is in bed with the flu and tonsillitis.

Miss Mabelle Smith and Miss Gertrude Stewart were weekend guests of home folks.

Rev. J. E. White, who has been with us six years, preaching his farewell sermon at the Methodist church here Sunday.

He was loved by the entire community. We hate to give him up, but all things have an end. We hope the children will take the place of their father.

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